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Moses Robinson and Jonas Fay Esqr. Assistants of the state of Vermont and Judges of the superior Court. Comes Stephen R Bradley states Atty within and for the County of Windham and upon his oath complains and informs said Assistants that Charles Phelps of Marlborough in said County not having the fear of God before his Eyes and contrary to his allegiance did at Marlborough aforesaid on the first day of August last past and at divers other times before and since attempts an insurrection and public rebellion against this state by treacherously applying to New York government to send an armed force into this state to alter the forms of Government and destroy the Constitution of the same and did also then & there [redacted] assemble an armed force in open rebellion defiance of the Laws of the State and did also then and there bring into the State of Vermont a seditious Libel tending to stir up a public rebellion and did also then and there write, print, and publish abroad a seditious Libel with a manifest intent wilingly and designedly to raise an insurrection and public rebellion against this State. Said Atty further informs upon his oath that there is the highest reason to believe there is a number of Book Writings and manuscripts now in the Custody of said Phelps the manifest intent of which is to stir up an insurrection and public rebellion against this State and to cause an invasion of the Government and Constitution of the same said Atty praying said Phelps may be dealt with as to law appertains.

Westminster September 11th 1782.

To the sheriff of the County of Windham his deputy or either Constable of Marlborough within said County - Greeting.

In the name and by the authority of the Freemen of the State of Vermont you are hereby commanded to apprehend the body of the above said Charles Phelps of said Marlborough and him have before the superior Court now sitting in Westminster in said County to be dealt with as law directs. You are also commanded taking to your assistance a sufficient number of the County to seize all

the printed Books, writings, and manuscripts now in the custody of said Phelps and them have before the superior Court as soon as may be to be inquired into and disposed of according to Law. Given under our hands at Westminister this 11th day of September 1782.

Moses Robinson.
Jonas Fay.

For want of a proper officer Benjamin Whitney is Authorized to serve this Writ....

State of Vermont } The Grand Jurors for the Freemen of the
County of Windham } State of Vermont upon their oath present that
Freemen, vs. on the twenty ninth day of July last past at
Jos: Chamberlain, Hinsdale in the County aforesaid John Bridgman
Jos: Whipple, Esqr. then and still being one of the Justices of
Jon.n Church. the peace in and for the said County of Windham
did issue their Writ of Execution signed by the said Justice and
directed to the Sheriff of the County of Windham his under
Sheriff or Deputy or to either of the Constables of the Town
of Brattleborough in said County thereby in the name and by
the authority of the State of Vermont commanding them to
levy distress on the Goods and Chattels of Timothy Church if
any was to be found within their Districts and make sale thereof
according to a Law of this State in that case made and provi-
ded to the amount of one Pound and one shilling, damage
thirteen shillings and four pence, Costs (for which the said
Justice had on the 29th day of July rendered Judgement against
the said Timothy at the suit of Gershom) and also one shilling
and three pence for the said writ of execution, together with
their own fees and for want of goods and Chattles whereon to
levy the said Sheriff his deputy or Constable was commanded by
the same Writ to convey the Body of the said Timothy to the
keeper of the common Goal of the said County who was also
thereby commanded to receive the said Timothy and him in
safe custody to keep until the same sums and costs accrued are paid
or until he should be thence delivered by due course of Law
And the Jurors aforesaid upon their oath aforesaid do further
present that the said Writ of Execution afterwards at Hinsdale
aforesaid on the eighth day of August last past was delivered
to Jonathan Hunt Esqr. (then and still being Sheriff of the said
County of Windham) in due form of Law to be executed
And the Jurors aforesaid upon their said Oath do further
present that on the twenty second day of August last the
said Sheriff at Brattleborough aforesaid in the said County
of Windham) did by virtue of said Writ to him directed & delivered

as aforesaid legally take in execution the said Timothy Church and the said Timothy to the Goal Keeper of said County. And the said Jurors upon their aforesaid oath do further present that Joseph Chamberlain of Brattleborough aforesaid Yeoman, Joseph Whipple of Brattleborough aforesaid Yeoman Jonathan Church of Brattleborough aforesaid. Gentlemen and divers other persons to the Jurors aforesaid as yet unknown, well knowing the said Timothy Church so to be taken into execution as aforesaid afterwards to Wit. on the day and year last aforesaid at Brattleborough aforesaid with force and arms in and upon the said Jonathan Hunt, Esq. Sheriff aforesaid then and there being in the peace of God and of the Freemen of this State and in the due execution of his said office did make an assault and him the said Timothy out of the custody of the said Sheriff and against the will of said sheriff. then and there with force as aforesaid unlawfully did rescue and put at large to go where he would and that the said Timothy Church himself out of the custody of the said sheriff and against the will of the same Sheriff then and there with force of arms unlawfully did rescue and escape at large where he would go. In contempt of the laws and Government of this State to the great damage of the said sheriff to the evil example of all others in the like case offending and against the peace and Dignity of the Freemen of this State.

A True Bill.

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Philadelphia August 5th. 1782

My Dear Sir,

The letter which you did me the favor to write on the 5th. ultimo, I received on the 22d. What will be done respecting Vermont affairs I cannot say. I suppose under present circumstances it would not be possible to have any thing determined in Congress respecting them. I am well informed that one reason given (in private by some gentleman from the South-ward) why they would not make them a separate state is, because it would be adding one more to the votes of the Eastern states which they say they will not do untill they can add one to the southern likewise. I need not comment on this. I am sensible while the Vermont business remains undetermined N. Ha. will be in an unhappy situation. I am informed by the N.J. delegates that their state has lately (in consequence of repeated applications) granted a number of commissions to people in the County of Cumberland, which I think joins on the river. A member of Congress from New England, with whom I am intimately acquainted, this day shew me a copy of a letter which he was going to send to a gentleman of high rank in the State to which he belonged and in answer to one that he had received urging that that Vermont might be made a separate State in which he says "I am fully convinced of the justice and policy of making them a separate state, but it is as likely Great Britain will cede Scotland to the United States as that the present Congress will make Vermont an independent State." I wish that N. Ha. may not be again duped in this affair. I enclose you a list of officers &c. by which you will see how great a number of officers some states have who have but few privates and yet in some instances those states who have so few men have (not long since) made a large number of offices to fill vacancies up. There is now a resolution of Congress against issuing new commissions.— please to keep the enclosed list in some measure secret. (I do not mean from the Committee) but would not wish to have it made too public. It is evident that our minister at the Court of Madrid has received dishonorable and fallacious

treatment from that Court. Congress have this affair now under consideration what will be done I cannot say but when I consider the conduct of that Court and the terms heretofore assented to on our part as the basis of Treaty I really wish that a treaty with them may not take place but from some information (later than Mr says tho not official) it is probable they have altered their own conduct and perhaps before this have concluded a treaty. It seems to be agreed that Spain have decided intentions of obtaining Gibraltar and that they wish the present war may continue. The subject of former instructions to our commissioners respecting a treaty of peace with I imagine be taken up in a few days. It is important but what can be done where so much has been undone I cannot say. In my letter to you of the 9th ultimo. I wrote something respecting Loan Office Certificates this business is in the same situation it was when I wrote you then. I will venture to say to you one thing which is if N. Ho. does not adopt a system of policy for herself she will probably be kept in the rear. I am sorry to say that it is my opinion, there is not a probability of the accounts between the several states being adjusted for a long time. I find it is very expensive living here, beef has been frequently sold for 16d per pound butter at 9/ though these articles are much higher than things in general - yet almost every article is dear. I shall want some money by the first of Sept. but know not how I am be furnished, if you will inform me I shall thereby oblige. There are eleven states represented in Congress & I wonder be twelve but one of the delegates of Maryland went home a few days ago it is expected he will return immediately. Thus have I almost filled up my paper and I am afraid you will think unprofitably. I should be glad to give you more of facts and less of opinions but for want of the one adopt the other. I shall be glad to hear from you frequently.

I am, with much esteem -

your humble Servant

John F Gilman.

Hon. J. Bartlett.

P.S. As I write you freely if you find any part of this or any other of my letters which ought to be kept secret you will undoubtedly keep it as such.